

LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

ADULT BASKETBALL

2008 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Mission Statement

The mission of Lee County Parks & Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life for all Lee County residents by providing a highly trained staff to plan a broad variety of cost effective leisure, recreation, and cultural activities and services.

Objective

The objective of the league is to plan, regulate, organize and conduct recreational basketball to **promote clean sportsmanship, fair play and good community relationships.**

League Administration

The staff of the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department will make decisions and take action as needed in cases involving and including, but not limited to the following:

- 1.) Settle all disputes over player eligibility.
- 2.) Enforce all league rules and regulations.
- 3.) Determine penalties for any disciplinary reasons.
- 4.) Assign and arrange all protest committees.

All practice sessions must be scheduled with the Parks and Recreation Department. Each team will be given **four** free practice hours to be used at their discretion. Once these four hours are used, the reservation fee for practice will be \$10 per hour. Gym rentals must be requested and paid for at least 24 hours in advance. Teams must come by the Parks and Recreation Department to pick up a rental receipt and keep it with them when they show up for practice.

During tournament play, teams must be prepared to play on any given night.

Lee County Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to change or amend any of these rules if it is deemed necessary for the benefit of the program.

Officials

Officials will be assigned by an officials association approved by the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department. No team will be permitted to refuse any official assigned to any game.

Registration and Player Eligibility

- 1.) All players must be registered, by signing the team roster and paying the participation fee, (\$10 for county residents and \$15 for non-county residents), with the Parks and Recreation Department. Player rosters must be completed, signed, and turned in by Friday, December 1st, 2006. Entry fees are \$375 per county team and \$425 per non-county team. County teams must consist of at least 2/3 Lee County residents to be eligible for the \$375 entry fee. Team rosters for the Open league will be limited to 15 players. Team rosters for Industrial teams will not be limited. Teams will have limited participation; the first teams that are paid by the deadline will be eligible.
- 2.) A player may participate on more than one team as long as said teams are in different leagues or division. The player must pay an entry fee for each individual team in which they participate. There will be no special treatment as far as scheduling is concerned. Once the County Tournament begins you must choose one team over the other and play with that team throughout the tournament. (No Exceptions!)
- 3.) The adding or replacing of new players on a roster will be done only in the following cases:
 - A.) An emergency, such as a permanent injury to a player for the entire season with a written statement from a doctor.
 - B.) A player moving out of Lee County may be replaced with a written statement from the employer or from the person moving.
 - C.) Other considerations will be decided on by the athletic staff, whose decisions will be final.
 - D.) No player(s) will be added or replaced upon completion of the first half of the regular season schedule.
- 4.) If any manager or coach has a question concerning the eligibility of a player, she/he must comply with the protest procedure during the game. If a player is declared to be ineligible by the athletic staff, the team she/he played for shall forfeit all games in which that player participated.

- 5.) All players must be 18 years old by January 1, 2008 and out of high school to be eligible to participate in the basketball program.

League Eligibility

Eligibility is determined at the time the rosters are submitted. Eligibility after rosters are submitted shall be governed by the respective league rules.

Open League

All players must be residents of or be permanently employed within Lee County or pay the non-resident fee of \$15.

Industrial League

For a player to be declared eligible for industrial league play, the player must meet the following criteria:

- 1.) Player must work a minimum of 20 hours per week and get paid by the sponsoring industry.
- 2.) Player must be a resident of Lee County or pay the \$15 fee if employed by the company and is a non-resident.
- 3.) If team and players are found to be in violation of these rules, penalty will be ejection from the league and the sponsor or team members may not participate in leagues sponsored by Lee County Parks and Recreation for 2 years from date of ejection *and will include loss of all fees paid to recreation department.*
- 4.) All industrial teams must submit roster signed by personnel department head verifying that personnel listed on sheet is a current employee of their organization.
- 5.) **(NEW RULE)**
An Industrial team cannot exceed the maximum number of two (2) players that are not employees of the sponsoring industry and both players have to be approved by the sponsoring industries personnel department head.
(NO EXCEPTIONS)

Team Representative

Each team shall have a team representative who will be the official contact person for the team with Parks and Recreation Department.

- 1.) The team representative must make certain that all team players receive all information distributed by the Parks and Recreation Department and are aware of all league rules.
- 2.) The team representative is responsible for the accuracy of all information contained on the team roster and that all team members are registered.
- 3.) The team representative must always enforce all safety rules during games and practices.
- 4.) The team representative will be held responsible for the team's actions before, during, and after the games and practices.
- 5.) Team representatives will be permitted to participate if they are properly registered with the Parks and Recreation Department and are eligible for the league in which they are participating.
- 6.) **Only team representatives/managers can confer with the officials during a game.**

Uniforms

- 1.) Players must wear alike shirts with legal numbers on the front and back. Legal numbers are: 0,1,2,3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55.
- 2.) Only rubber soled shoes are allowed on the court. No turf shoes may be worn.
- 3.) All teams must be in uniform by the **third** scheduled game of the season. Teams not in uniform may forfeit their game. Teams must protest the uniform policy **before** the game begins. Officials will make a decision on the protest before the game begins. If a player is out of uniform, she/he will not be eligible to play.
- 4.) All players will wear gym or basketball shorts **without** pockets. (No swim trunks). Shorts do not have to be alike.

Playing Rules

The National Federation of High School Athletics Rules and Regulations for 2007 / 2008 will govern play with the following exceptions and explanations:

- 1.) Home team will be listed first on the game schedule. Home team for tournament play will be done by flip of a coin.
- 2.) **No smoking in the gym. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY LEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY.**
- 3.) Players shall remain on their respective benches unless they are playing in the game.
- 4.) Game balls will be furnished by the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department.
- 5.) Teams must have five (5) eligible players to begin the game or a forfeit will be declared. If five (5) players are present at game time, the game will start.
- 6.) **(NEW RULE)**
A regulation game will consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves. The score clock will run continuously except for shooting fouls and time outs. **The last two minutes of the game will use a regulation clock (clock will stop on every whistle).** There will be (2) minute overtime periods until a winner is decided, clocks will stop on every whistle.
- 7.) A ten (10) minute grace period will be allowed after the scheduled time on the first game only. There will not be a grace period for the following games. The official's watch will be the official game time.
- 8.) **(NEW RULE)**
Players will be allowed to enter the lane on the release of a foul shot, and the bottom players will be above the solid block as done in college. There are only two offensive players other than the shooter allowed to line up for the free throw attempts, and only four defensive players.
- 9.) Managers are encouraged to turn in their lineups to scorekeepers ten (10) minutes before the start of the game. Please list the players first and last names and their uniform number.
- 10.) Dunking will be allowed during a game. **HOWEVER**, if a player hangs onto the rim too long or taunts the opposing team when dunking the ball, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the game being played and the next (2) two games and one technical foul will be assessed. On the second offense for dunking the ball, a player will be suspended for the

remainder of the season and the tournament. If a player does the above on the next to last or last game of the season or tournament, that player will not receive a trophy for this year and will not be eligible to participate in the first two games of the next Lee County Parks and recreation basketball season.

- 11.) Participants that have blood on his/her uniform or are bleeding must leave the game and change into an alike uniform.
- 12.) In case of a tie for the regular season championship, the champion will be determined by referring to head to head competition. If a champion is not determined, the records against the next highest place team will go into consideration. If the teams are still tied, the champion will be determined by scoring differential. All other ties will be determined by the flip of a coin.
- 13.) No taunting, baiting or fighting of players will be allowed (also see unsportsmanlike conduct below).

Suspended Game:

If weather interferes with play so that a game cannot be completed, the game will be continued at a later date with the lineup the same and all situations identical to the moment of suspension. This decision will be made by the gym supervisor and officials.

Inclement Weather:

A decision will be made concerning cancelled games by 3:00 pm. Please call **774-7999**. Please inform your players of this number. Do not have them call the office. Office personnel need their lines to be clear. If inclement weather occurs after 3:00 pm, teams must report to the gym, unless otherwise notified.

MAKE-UP GAMES WILL BE SCHEDULED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO BE PLAYED AS TIME AND WEATHER PERMITS. ANY DAY OF THE WEEK WILL BE USED IF NECESSARY.

During the league tournament and county tournament, teams should be prepared to play **on any night**.

League Distribution

The team that finished first in the B league the previous year will **automatically** be moved up to the A league the following year. The team that finished last in the A league

has the **option** to drop to the B League the following year. This procedure will be taken on a year to year basis depending on the number of teams we have registered in a certain league. Our objective is to make all of the Industrial Leagues as fair and as competitive as possible.

Tournaments

League and County Tournaments will be single elimination.

Sixteen (16) teams will be invited to play in the County Tournament based on winning percentage during the regular season.

League representation will be as follows:

Open - 4

Industrial A - 4

Industrial B - 4

Church - 4

Trophies

Trophies will be awarded as follows:

Regular Season

1st Place - Team trophy
(Individual T-Shirts)

2nd Place - Team trophy only

League Tournament

1st Place - Team trophy
(Individual T-Shirts)

2nd Place - Team trophy only

County Tournament

1st Place – Team trophy
(Individual T-Shirts)

2nd Place - Team trophy only

Protest Procedure

- 1.) No protest will be considered on a judgment call.
- 2.) Protest must be made when infraction occurs, entered into the scorebook at that time and signed by the officials.
- 3.) A written statement by the team representative must be turned in to the Athletic office along with a \$20 protest fee by 5:00 pm the next business day for the protest to be valid.

- 4.) Protest concerning eligibility of a player must be done before the game begins. After the game is complete a protest will not be allowed.
- 5.) Any protest that is disallowed will result in the \$20 protest fee to go to the Recreation Department General Fund. Valid protest will be refunded the \$20 protest fee.
- 6.) **Team representatives are the only persons that can put forth a protest.**
- 7.) All decisions or rule interpretations made by the Parks and Recreation staff will be final.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- 1.) **First Offense:**
Any player that verbally abuses or shows any obscene gestures to any attendant, official, or other players or spectators, or is ejected from a game will automatically be suspended for the next two or more regular season or tournament games, as deemed appropriate by the Parks and Recreation staff. Players are to leave the gym within two (2) minutes or the game will be forfeited.
- 2.) **Second Offense:**
Any player that is ejected from a game for any unsportsmanlike conduct for a second offense will automatically be suspended for the next three or more regular season or tournament games, as deemed appropriate by the Parks and Recreation staff and said player will pay a \$40.00 reinstatement fee. Players are to leave the gym within two (2) minutes or the game will be forfeited.
- 3.) **Third Offense:**
Any player that is ejected from a game for any unsportsmanlike conduct for a third offense will be **suspended** from the league for the remainder of the regular season and tournament. Players are to leave the gym within two (2) minutes or the game will be forfeited.
- 4.) **Flagrant Offenses**
Where a violation is considered to be flagrant behavior such as, (1) repeated offenses; (2) threats of bodily harm; (3) bodily harm to another; (4) drugs or alcohol related; (5) other offenses deemed flagrant by the Parks and Recreation staff; the violator will be indefinitely suspended from participating in any Lee County Parks and Recreation athletic programs. The suspension will range from 12 months to permanent suspension based on the decision of the Parks and Recreation staff. To be reinstated, an individual will be required to pay a \$75 reinstatement fee and must meet with the Parks and Recreation staff.